

Howard County's Local Children's Board

Meeting Minutes

11/16/21

Attendees

√	Dawn Duignan, Community		Charmayne Anderson, Community		Sharon Afework, Office of Child Care
	Francine Trout, Office of Workforce Development	√	Jackie Scott, DCRS		Lisa Myers, HCPD
√	Regina Clay, Community	√	Mike Mitchell, FIRN	√	Melissa Rosenberg, Autism Society
√	Erica Byrne, Voices for Children		Rich Gibson, States Attorney	√	Maura Rossman, Health Department
	Kelly Cimino, DHCD	√	Tonya Aikens, Library		Wendell McKay, Community
	Bitia Dayhoff, CAC		Michael Martirano, HCPSS		
	Tim Madden, DJS	√	Stephen Liggett-Creel, DSS		
	Raul Delorme, DRP	√	Adelina Yoon, Youth		

Staff: Kim Candace Ball, Marsha Dawson, Sucora Best, Jasmine Wigginton, Valerie Harvey, Carla Lunn

Public Attendees: James LeMon, HCPSS; Andy Masters, GC; Andrew James, GC; Delmonica Hawkins, DJS; Sarah Ramsey and Lauren Maddox, DEP; Denise Boston, OHR; Danielle Tobin, HCPSS; James Zoller, Roving Radish; Allison Lewis, DJS; Jermira Sarratt, OWD; Donna Sturdivant, GC; Shereima Smith, GC; Jason Zhao, GC; Valencia Wood, GC

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Roll Call

Charmayne Anderson, Fran Trout, Kelly Cimino, Tim Madden, Raul Delorme, Rich Gibson, Wendell McKay - Excused

Consent Agenda – Quorum not met; minutes not approved

September 2021 Minutes

Program Updates/Committee Reports/Storytelling

Workforce Youth Program Presentation – Jermira Sarratt, Office of Workforce Development

- 82 participants- 30 LCB, 12 Summer Scholars, 40 other braided funding
- Successes
 - Incorporated in-person work sites
 - Used two virtual platforms
- Challenges
 - Difficulty providing hands-on experience and keeping youth engaged
 - Availability of in-person worksites

Food Access Presentation and Vote – James Zoller, Roving Radish

Approval of new food program – Motion made by Erica; Second by Regina

- Transition from COVID-19 Relief Program
- Those helped with access issues reduced to 20 families
- New Roving Radish Marketplace (Healthy Food Access Program)-100 families registered

Getting Ahead – Melissa

- One participant secured housing through Bridges to Housing Stability
- Two participants accessed services at the MultiService Center

Behavioral Health/LCT – Dawn

- 3 cases referred for inpatient services-served through community-based services
- Governor’s Office on Crime Prevention Youth and Victim Services-new data collection tool for LCTs
- Chinese American Parent Association reached out to discuss mental health and wellness among Asian American community

BYR/PRP – Dawn

- Very high satisfaction rates for youth in program and parents
- Impact story-Catherine
 - Diagnosed with schizophrenia
 - Symptoms of depression, self-isolation, aggression
 - Currently receiving outpatient treatment
 - Goals-identify positive ways to make friends, use direct eye contact, maintain personal space

Impact Review – Facilitated by Due East Partners

- Proposed workflow-what is our impact? Are strategies working?
 - January-support of community plan and upcoming fiscal year
 - March-Priority 2 improve inclusiveness, awareness and coordination of resources
 - May-Priority 1 affordable and quality education and training
 - July-annual review and assessment of impact
 - September-Priority 3 access to affordable and quality behavioral health care
 - November-discussion on state of the board and community plan
- Data Dive Key Themes
 - Children and youth will be successful in school and life
 - Significant gaps in school readiness-not enough resources targeted towards English Language Learners
 - Mental health contributes to middle school chronic absenteeism
 - Significant higher rates of youth unemployment-mental health is a barrier
 - Children, youth and families are healthy and thriving
 - Social media believed to play a role in middle school students considering suicide
 - Increase in emergency department visits
 - Behavioral health navigation has increased
 - Families are safe and economically stable
 - Lack of adequate subsidies to meet the high cost of child care
 - High cost of living and eligibility are contributing factors for food insecure children
 - High cost of living in the county compared to federal poverty level is a contributing factor for ALICE population
- Breakout Groups
 - Group 1
 - how do we know whose needs we’re not meeting, who are we missing?
 - Are we reactive or preventative in our approach?
 - Group 2
 - Analysis to look at the fiscal impact and programmatic data
 - Use a common scale to evaluate programs
 - Look at gaps such as kindergarten readiness, what is the board’s role and understanding
 - Group 3

- Educate families about mental health especially across cultures
 - Partner with the faith-based community to reach families
- Group 4
 - Engage youth and parents
 - Look at the county in a wholistic way, what are the needs of the county not just specified areas

Learning Agenda

- Regina Clay
 - Pastor of Life Changing AME church
 - Received Horizon grant for diabetes awareness and mental health
- Jason Zhao, Guiding Coalition
 - Board member of Volunteen, promotes high school students volunteering in the community

Announcements/Updates

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 18, 2022